

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 13, 2011
3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Charles Rinehart, Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, David Choken Douglas Buuck
(from 4:15 pm on)

I Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. with a quorum of the first four members listed above.

II Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- Chairman Rinehart added discussion of increased MSBU assessment under Item V below.

III Review/Acceptance of Minutes:

- The Committee reviewed the June 14, 2011, minutes. Due to the fact that there were questions for the recording secretary, who was not present at the meeting, they were tabled for further review and discussion at the next meeting.

IV Review/Discuss of Financials:

- It was noted that the year would end with a positive balance
- Mr. Szuba said he had heard that the MSBU had been charged for work that had been done by the County Real Estate Department in connection with the property taking on Pelican Drive for the City of Punta Gorda's force-main. Chair Rinehart said he would look into this allegation and report back to the committee at its next meeting.

V Discussion of Pre-approved Grading – Swiss, Alfred, Austrian:

- The extra grading that was ordered for Austrian, Swiss and Alfred Blvds due to school bus use was discussed. Mr. Morris proposed looking into getting two of those roads and the portion of Poplar connecting them paved. He stated that if this were to be done, it should be in the same manner that Clark Drive, Leah Drive and Alfred Blvd. were done several years ago. That is, after a greater than 50% majority of property owners fronting those roads approved it, the cost would be recovered from all property owners fronting the roads over a 5-year period. In lieu of this approach, Chair Rinehart said he would obtain the cost of road repair of the affected roads over the last three years and schedule a meeting with the School Board's Mr. Duckworth to determine if some financial relief might be forthcoming from the School Board or, failing that a review of route alternatives to eliminate use of MSBU maintained roads.
- The issue of proposing an assessment increase was discussed at length and it was concluded since it has been rejected twice by property owners in the last two years, that it should not be pursued further at this time. Instead, the committee may develop an analysis of expenditures versus work done since it was seated, to see if it can be demonstrated that expenditures have been more efficient in that time period than prior to

the committee's appointment. This may provide sufficient justification for a fee increase such that it would receive support from a majority of property owners in the MSBU.

VI 2011-2012 Work Plan:

- The committee reviewed work plans prepared by individual members for their respective areas of responsibility and developed a composite plan for which it was felt that there was no necessity for an inspection tour. A preliminary composite map will be prepared by Mr. Morris and delivered to the Chairman who will review it and deliver it to the Public Works Department for upcoming work in the Unit.

VII Public Comments:

- No members of the public attended the meeting.

VIII Member Comments:

- No member comments.

IX Selection of Next Meeting Date:

- The next meeting date will be determined after Public Works has delivered a cost estimate for the proposed work plan to the Committee members.

X Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nigel Morris

Charles Rinehart, Chairman